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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants hereby notify the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the document listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified), which the Examiner may deem material to the patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, with the exception of U.S. patents and/or U.S. patent publications; and co-pending non-provisional U.S. applications filed subsequent to June 30, 2003.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed: (1) no later than three months from the application's filing date; or (2) before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits (whichever is later); or (3) before the mailing date of the first Office Action after filing a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 and, therefore, no

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Statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) is required. However, inasmuch as a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) can be filed, Applicants submit the same concurrently herewith.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within thirty days from the date of issuance (April 7, 2006) of a European Search Report (ESR) in connection with counterpart application EP 04 70 4338 and, therefore, a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. §1.704(d) is also attached, together with an English-language version (if not already included) of at least that portion of the ESR indicating the degree of relevance found by the EPO.

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